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TO AMCONSUL KARACHI NIACT IMMEDIATE
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FOR CONSULS GENERAL

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SUBJECT: POLITICAL SITUATION

1. IN VIEW OF THE REPORTED ARREST OF THE PRIME MINISTER
AND OPPOSITION LEADERS, AND THE ASSUMPTION OF POWER BY THE
MILITARY, ALL ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION SHOULD ADHERE TO
THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES.

2. YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM COMMENTING ON THIS MORNING'S
EVENTS. ALL PRESS ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ONE
OFFICER IN THE CONGEN AND HE SHOULD NOT SPECULATE ON THE
EVENTS. OUR BASIC POSITION, AND ONE TO USE OFF THE RECORD
WITH THE PRESS, IS THAT THIS IS AN INTERNAL MATTER AFFECTING
PAKISTAN AND WE WILL NOT COMMENT. BASICALLY, WE DO NOT
WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF FRENETIC ACTIVITY OR
EXCESSIVE INTEREST IN THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

3. ANY INQUIRIES FROM AMCITS CONCERNING THE SITUATION
SHOULD BE ANSWERED WITH THE STATEMENT THAT WE HAVE VERY
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LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HAPPENED, WE UNDERSTAND THE
SECURITY SITUATION IS GENERALLY CALM, AND WE ASSUME EVENTS
WILL BE CLARIFIED THIS EVENING WHEN, ACCORDING TO RADIO
PAKISTAN, GENERAL ZIA ADDRESSES THE NATION.

4. WE ARE INVOLVED IN A LOW-KEY EXERCISE TO CONTACT A FEW
PEOPLE TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION. YOU SHOULD NOT ACTIVELY

SOLICIT NEWS ON THE EVENTS BUT MAY SPEAK WITH A FEW CLOSE AND RELIABLE CONTACTS TO GATHER INFO. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AN IMMEDIATE CABLE FROM YOU, INFO THE OTHER CONGEN, ON ANY RELEVANT ITEMS YOU PICK UP. WE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE SECURITY SITUATION, EVIDENCE OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS, PUBLIC ATTITUDES AND COMMENTS.

6. WE LEAVE TO THE JUDGMENT OF CONSULS GENERAL AND AMERICAN CENTER DIRECTORS WHETHER OR NOT THE CENTERS SHOULD REMAIN OPEN. OUR CENTER IN PINDI IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

6. WE URGENTLY NEED ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE ABOUT THE TRAVEL SITUATION. IF LAHORE CAN DETERMINE IF WAGAH IS OPEN, AND KARACHI CAN CHECK ON THE STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, PLEASE REPORT ASAP SO EMBASSY CAN ISSUE TRAVEL ADVISORY.

7. FOR KARACHI-UK EMBASSY HERE TELLS US THEIR COMMUNICATIONS WITH THEIR CONGEN ARE OUT. THEY HAVE ASKED IF YOU COULD PLEASE CALL THEIR CONSUL GENERAL AND TELL HIM THAT IF THERE ARE ANY EMERGENCY MESSAGES HE HAS TO PASS TO THE UK EMBASSY, YOU WILL SEND THEM FOR HIM. WE TOLD BRITS WE WOULD PASS THEIR REQUEST TO YOU AND WE WERE CERTAIN YOU WOULD DO YOUR BEST TO BE FORTHCOMING DEPENDING ON THE CONSULATES OWN COMMUNICATIONS SITUATION.

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